

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate Renewal

A number of local program sites are included in the DPHHS Montana WIC Program's Certificate of Waiver. All clinical laboratories must be covered by a CLIA certificate. Those that perform only waived laboratory tests such as fingerstick hematocrits and hemoglobins are issued a Certificate of Waiver.

The Montana WIC Program has purchased a certificate which included local programs that only performed the fingerstick hematocrits and hemoglobins and were not covered by another certificate.

It is now time to renew the CLIA certificate. I need to know who needs to be included in the Montana WIC Program's certificate.

Elimination criteria:

- If you are already covered by a certificate, such as one held by a county health department, tribal health or hospital.
- If you perform other tests than a fingerstick hematocrit or hemoglobin.
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Each Regional WIC Director should determine if the Region needs to be included in the Montana WIC Program's CLIA Certificate.

Please send information required for a Region to be included in the DPHHS certificate are:

Program Name

Physical Address

City

Zip

Phone Number

Type of Waived Test (i.e. hemoglobin using a Hemocue or hematocrit using a micro-spun method).

Deadline for this information is COB April 11, 2012. Send your information by e-mail to cfogelman@mt.gov. Call Chris if you have any questions.